

S P E C I F I C A T I O N A M E N D M E N T S

Please **AMEND** the following paragraph on page 1, immediately after the title:

The present Application is a Continuation Application of ~~co-pending~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 10/348,629 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPERATING A GAMING DEVICE TO DISPENSE A SPECIFIED AMOUNT", filed January 21, 2003 in the name of Walker et al., which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,743,097 B2 on June 1, 2004; which is a Continuation Application of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/709,239 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPERATING A GAMING DEVICE TO DISPENSE A SPECIFIED AMOUNT", filed November 10, 2000 in the name of Walker et al. and which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,537,151 B1[,]; and which in turn is a Continuation Application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/052,667, filed March 31, 1998, and which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,168,522 B1 on January 2, 2001. The entirety of each of the above-referenced Applications is incorporated by reference herein for all purposes.

Please **AMEND** the first full paragraph on page 6 with as follows:

The slot machine 10 may also ~~includes~~ include a video display 28, in communication with and controlled by the CPU 26, to display the outcome of a play. Such a video display 28 may be provided in addition to, or instead of, the set of reels 18a-18c. A player interface 30, also in communication with and controlled by the CPU 26, comprises a credit meter 32 for displaying the player's balance, a keypad 34 for entering data, a display 36 for displaying the data, error

messages and other information, and a card reader 38 for reading a player's card. The keypad 34 may include electro-mechanical buttons, a touch screen, or any other suitable data input means that allows the player to request an amount to be dispensed from the slot machine.